

# NETTING FLEET WILL SHOW GAIN OVER LAST YEAR

## Craft Will Sail on Heels of Seiners South —Some Will Stop Over on Way To Overhaul Engines

Following close on the heels of local seiners to sail for southern waters next week, will be the annual fleet of mackerel netters. The fleet is a trifle larger than that of last season, due to the fact that some of those boats which went seining last season will put on nets this year instead. Before many of the craft leave, a few of them will have sailed for Bridgeport, Conn., where they will have their engines given an annual overhauling.

The fleet that will engage in netting this year is as follows:

Sch. Emma Marie, Capt. Bert Perry.  
Sch. Annie and Mary, Capt. Colin Powers.  
Sch. Desire, Capt. James Hemeon.  
Sch. Elizabeth M. King, Capt. Edward Proctor.  
Sch. Mary M., Capt. Thomas Marr.  
Sch. Sunapee, Capt. Edgar Smith.  
Sch. Aeolus, Capt. George Goodwin.  
Sch. John A. Cooney, Capt. Christopher Higgins.  
Sch. Huntington Sanford, Capt. Peter Johnson.

Sch. Elizabeth A., Capt. Lee Cavanaugh.

Sch. Restless, Capt. James Nickerson.

Sch. Shirley M. Clattenburg, Capt. Harold Parsons.

Sch. Mary P. Mesquita, Capt. David Campbell.

Sch. America, Capt. Gil Lafford.

Sch. A. Piatt Andrew, Capt. Joseph Goulart.

Sch. Irene and Mabel, Capt. William Tobey.

Sch. Albert D. Willard, Capt. Lemuel Barnes.

Sch. Newcastle, Capt. Andrew Decker.

Sch. Mary E. D'Eon, Capt. Fay D'Eon.

Sch. Doris M. Hawes, Capt. Aubrey Hawes.

Boat Emilia D., Capt. Richard Cramp.

Sch. Louis A. Thebaud, Capt. Percy Pieroway.

Sch. Little Ruth, Capt. Wilson Wolf.

Sch. Thomaston, Capt. Fred Lumsden.

Sch. B. T. Hillman, Capt. Horace Hillman.

Schs. Little Ruth, Minerva, Natale S., and Funchal will probably also go netting, but nothing definite has as yet been decided.

## NO ARRIVALS REPORTED TODAY

### STORM KEPT FLEET OF SMALL BOATS IN PORT YES- TERDAY.

No arrivals of fresh fish have been reported here during the past 24 hours, gill netters and small shore boats being held in port by the cast-erly of yesterday. None of the Boston fleet sent fish to split, so the wharves are as dry as chips today. It is still blowing heavily outside, and nothing has gone out for fishing. Sch. Louise B. Marshall put out as far as the breakwater this forenoon, but turned back for shelter.

#### Gloucester Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and fares in detail:  
Sch. Ruth Lucille, via Boston.  
Sch. Olivia Brown, via Boston.  
Sch. Edith L. Boudreau, via Boston.  
Sch. Hesperus, via Boston.  
Sch. Louise B. Marshall, via Boston.

#### Sailed.

Sch. Vasca da Gama, Boston.  
Sch. Gov. Al Smith, dragging.  
Sch. Irene and Helen, dragging.  
Sch. Elvira Gasper, dragging.

## CABIN OF PLANE

### WASHED ASHORE

The waterlogged cabin of a seaplane, believed to be a section of an illfated aircraft used by some transatlantic flier, was washed ashore yesterday near the Merrimack River Coast Guard station at Plum Island. The 15-foot section had been tossed upon a jetty by the northeast storm that raged along the coast last night. Paint was badly chipped and the fuselage appeared to have been in the water a long time. No numbers or identification marks were found on the wreckage.

#### Portland Fishing News.

The largest fare of groundfish landed at Portland by one vessel this year, 175,000 pounds, was hoisted from the holds of the big beam trawler, Flow, at the Burnham & Morrill Company's plant at East Deering, yesterday. At 5 p. m. the trawler shifted to Central wharf to take on ice and stores, and will sail for Georges again today.

A second trawler fare is expected at the East Deering fish cannery today, in the trawler, Ripple, also owned by the Bay State Fisheries, and it is believed that her fare may be even larger than that of the Flow.

#### Fitting for Halibuting.

Schs. L. A. Dunton and Hesperus are changing from haddocking to halibuting.

#### Ready for Seining.

Sch. Josephine and Mary took on ice and supplied for her southern mackerel trip this forenoon, and will probably get away either late tomorrow evening or Monday morning.

#### N. S. Dried Fish Markets.

Nothing is known locally about the advance in the Cuban tariff on dried fish beyond what has appeared in the daily papers. This report stated the tariff which was \$3 per hundred kilos is now \$4, an advance of one-third. It is impossible to say what effect this will have on the consumption of fish in Cuba, but in the hard times which Cuba like many other countries is experiencing at present, the tendency should be to curtail consumption.

Conditions in dried fish markets generally show very little change. The price of large "bank" fish locally is firm, as the quantity now held here is small. But the market for small fish continues demoralized. Heavy shipments of these are still going forward to Porto Rico, and today account sales from there net shippers only \$4 per quintal, which is \$1 per quintal less than the price they paid for them to Lunenburg vessels last autumn. And there seems little hope of any immediate improvement in the price, for all markets seem to be flooded with supplies.

Latest information from Lunenburg indicates that more vessels from Lunenburg county will engage in the fishing industry than was predicted a short time ago. The number is now estimated to be about 40 as compared with 60 last year. A short time ago it was thought that most of the Lunenburg vessels would proceed to the banks about the last week of March, but it is now reported that none of them will go out before some time during the first half of April. Only one vessel, it is said, will make what is known as the extra early spring trip this year, all the others will make just the usual spring trip, but starting on it a bit earlier than last year.

The advance anticipated in Northern Brazil prices has not materialized. The sailing of the steamer that was to have left Newfoundland in February with supplies for that market, was cancelled, and the shipment, amounting to about 40,000 quintals, will not be made until the last half of the present month. It is said there are sufficient supplies of fish in Newfoundland to cover Northern Brazil requirements for the balance of the season.

It is reported that the Iceland catch of fish up to the present time, is about one-third less than at this date last year, and that Norway's catch so far is only about one-half the quantity of last year at this date. This news has strengthened prices in Oporto, and eventually it should have a similar effect on other markets. It does begin to look as though the prospect for new season's fish had materially improved.—Maritime Merchant.

## ANOTHER DAY OF NO ARRIVALS

### GILL NETTERS AND SMALL BOATS HELD IN PORT AGAIN YESTERDAY.

It was another fishless day locally today, for during the past 24 hours, no arrivals of any kind have been reported. All of the gill net fleet and the small shore boats have been in port for two days on account of the easterly outside, and their daily landings have been missed.

#### Gloucester Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and fares in detail:  
Sch. Vasco da Gama, via Boston.  
Sch. Marie and Winifred, via Boston.  
Sch. Herbert Parker, via Boston.

#### Sailed.

Sch. Minerva, shore.  
Sch. Evelina M. Goulart, dragging.  
Sch. Babe Sears, dragging.  
Sch. Carrie S. Roderick, dragging.  
Sch. Mildred Silva, dragging.  
Sch. Olivia Brown, dragging.  
Sch. Edith L. Boudreau, dragging.  
Sch. Natale S., shore.  
Sch. Doris F. Amero, dragging.

#### On the Railways.

Sch. Anne and Mary and boat Betina, are on Burnham's railways.  
Boats Alden and Angie and Vence are on Parkhurst's railways.  
Boat Antonina, is on Rocky Neck railways.

## VERY LITTLE AT BOSTON TODAY

### NINE IN ARRIVING FLEET WITH RECEIPTS OF ONLY 230,- 000 POUNDS.

Nine craft arrived at the Boston fish pier this morning, bringing fares that totalled 200,000 pounds of groundfish, 10,000 pounds of sole, 17,300 pounds of mixed fish. Trading was quiet and prices slid off a bit from yesterday's quotations.

Haddock sold at \$2.75 to \$3.50; large cod, \$3 to \$3.50 and markets, \$2 to \$2.50.

#### Boston Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and fares in detail:  
Boat Frances J. Manta, 3000 haddock, 10,000 sole.  
Sch. William L. Putnam, 29,000 haddock, 10,000 mixed fish.  
Boat John Mantia, 8000 haddock, 1000 cod, 3000 mixed fish.  
Sch. Corinthian, 65,000 haddock, 20,000 cod.  
Boat Catherine F. Saunders, 5000 haddock, 2000 cod.  
Boat Olive M. Williams, 16,000 haddock.  
Sch. Eleanor Nickerson, 24,000 haddock, 24,000 cod.  
Boat Leonardo, 1800 mixed fish.  
Boat La Paloma, 2500 mixed fish.  
Haddock, \$2.75 to \$3.50 per cwt., large cod, \$3 to \$3.50; market cod, \$2 to \$2.50; pollock, \$4; cusk, \$2; gray sole, 9 cents per lb.; lemon sole, 5 cents; black backs, 6 cents; yellow tails, 4 cents; tongues and cheeks, 6 cents; catfish, 1 cent.

#### N. S. Lobster Notes.

The lobster season opened in Western Nova Scotia on the first instant. It being a Sunday permission to set traps on the 28th of February was conceded. The first days' catches were good and an unusually large (first) shipment from Yarmouth on the following Tuesday brought \$40 per crate on the Boston market.

A heavy gale on March 5 did considerable damage to the gear along the coast and another windstorm a few days later completed the havoc. It probably took from a week to 10 days for the fishermen to repair the damage and reset their traps.

No lobsters have yet found their way into the canneries, as the demand for fresh and brine-frozen lobster meat has been sufficient to absorb all small lobsters caught so far and the prices for these are higher than packers can afford. Abnormally high tides which accompanied the storms carried away a large number of traps all along the Eastern Nova Scotia coast, where fishermen held them in readiness for the season that opens next month. It is reported that the Fishermen's Unions of those sections can help the situation by doing their part towards reducing internal and intermediate charges.

The collecting of goods and transporting them over long distances which has been brought about by the spirit of competition, without properly reckoning the results, has increased the cost of packing lobsters several dollars per case in recent years.—Maritime Merchant.

#### One Arrival at Portland.

Late yesterday afternoon the steam trawler Ripple reached Portland from Georges' Bank with 150,000 pounds of groundfish. She bunkered at the Randall & McAllister plant and early today moved around to the East Deering plant of the Burnham & Morrill Company to discharge. The trawler Flow, which discharged 175,000 pounds of fish Thursday, sailed yesterday afternoon after taking on stores.

## HEAVY SUPPLY AT BOSTON PIER

### TWENTY-ONE IN FLEET THIS MORNING—PRICES ARE HIGHER.

The opening bell at the Boston fish pier this morning found a fleet of 21 vessels in the dock. Nine of them were steamers with heavy fares. Total receipts were 1,506,000 pounds of groundfish, 5000 pounds of halibut and 152,000 pounds of mixed fish. The market was higher.

Haddock sold at \$3.50 to \$4; large cod, \$3.75 and markets, \$3.

#### Boston Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and fares in detail:  
Str. Sea Hawk, 100,000 haddock, 31,000 cod, 13,000 mixed fish.  
Str. Lois M. Winslow, 95,000 haddock, 23,000 cod, 7600 mixed fish.  
Str. Georgetown, 45,000 haddock, 32,000 cod, 9000 mixed fish.  
Str. Dorchester, 85,000 haddock, 45,000 cod, 75,000 mixed fish.  
Str. Alden A. Mills, 100,000 haddock, 17,500 cod, 6500 mixed fish.  
Str. Patrick J. O'Hara, 40,000 haddock, 32,000 cod, 10,000 mixed fish.  
Str. Trimount, 105,000 haddock, 71,000 cod, 3500 mixed fish.  
Str. Gale, 85,000 haddock, 70,000 cod, 25,000 mixed fish.  
Str. Ebb, 77,000 haddock, 80,000 cod, 12,000 mixed fish.  
Boat Lucia, 16,000 haddock, 3500 cod, 2700 mixed fish.  
Boat Mary and Julia, 40,000 haddock, 6000 cod, 7500 mixed fish.  
Sch. Evelyn G. Sears, 52,000 haddock, 4000 cod, 3000 sole.  
Sch. Julia, 38,000 haddock, 5000 cod, 5000 mixed fish.  
Sch. Rhodora, 20,000 haddock, 10,000 cod.  
Sch. Killarney, 62,000 haddock, 7000 cod.  
Sch. Wanderer, 38,000 haddock, 22,000 cod, 11,000 mixed fish.  
Sch. Cape Ann, 26,000 haddock, 18,000 cod.  
Sch. Mary A., 500 cod, 5000 halibut.  
Sch. Famiglia, 6000 haddock, 1100 mixed fish.  
Boat Mao II., 5000 mixed fish.  
Sch. Emma Marie, 13,000 mixed fish.  
Haddock, \$3.50 to \$4 per cwt.; large cod, \$3.75; market cod, \$3; hake, \$5; pollock, \$7 to \$7.50; cusk, \$4; gray sole, 8 1-4 to 11 cents per lb.; lemon sole, 8 1-4 cents; black backs, 3 cents; yellow tails, 6 cents; dabs, 3 cents; spawn, 6 cents; halibut, 28 cents, 18 cents and 15 cents; catfish, 2 cents.

#### N. S. Lobsters.

Lobsters have been in good supply from Nova Scotia and sold to wholesale dealers at \$37 per crate. Last year at this time the price was \$56 per crate.

#### Irish Mackerel.

Advices to the Boston fish bureau from Ireland give the catch of mackerel for the month ending February 28, 1931, as six hundredweight, as compared with 1238 hundredweight in the previous year. Advices from New England for the same month gives the catch as 33 hundredweight as compared with 1890 hundredweight in February, 1930.